

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Docket No. 32265-RCE
STOUT, Robert L.	Customer No.: 23589
Serial No. : 10/051,253	Group Art Unit No. 1648
Filed: January 18, 2002	Confirmation No.: 7968
METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC HEPATITIS C INFECTION	Examiner: HORNIG, Michelle

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to reply to the outstanding office action carrying the date April 6, 2007. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, please apply the amount of \$230.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the two-month fee.

In the event the foregoing request or fee calculations are incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply.

Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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